

A fine quality of tile clay has been discovered on W. W. Fry's farm north of Molino, near the Electric Line.

The county candidates opened the campaign at Molino Monday night. Tuesday night there was speaking at Rowena and last night at Friendship.

Rev. C. A. Mitchell and wife and son, Curtis, are making a two weeks' visit in Pike county.

Mrs. Nat Morris and little daughter, Elizabeth, are expected next Saturday from Modesto, Calif. They will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Selb, northwest of Mexico.

Sidney Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Houston of this city, lately a reporter on the Kansas City Star, has volunteered for army service in Old Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Griffin and small daughter arrived home from New Orleans and St. Louis last week, after an absence of several months. Their little one was born in St. Louis while they were gone from Mexico.

Beginning with the first Sunday in July, the churches of the community will hold union services each Sunday evening for a period of eight weeks. The first service will be held at the Baptist Church Sunday evening July 2nd. No announcement as to the preacher for the evening will be made.

Come and see.

#### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates for nomination, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, August 1, 1916:

For Representative.  
D. M. SLONAKER.  
E. A. SHANNON.

For State Senator, Eleventh District.  
J. J. DUNCAN.

For Judge Eastern District.  
D. H. BOATWRIGHT.

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
R. D. RODGERS.

For Sheriff—  
Churchill B. Kennan.  
J. G. Ford.  
G. W. Peck.  
U. S. (Boss) GORAN.  
H. P. MIDDLETON.

For County Treasurer.  
H. H. GRAFFORD.

For Assessor—  
C. M. FOX.  
S. T. TORREYSON.

For Judge Western District—  
C. C. BLEDSOE.  
S. J. BOWNE, JR.

For Constable Salt River Township.  
J. AT BROWN.

FRANK JAMES.



#### WABASH TIME TABLE.

Effective Nov. 7, 1915.

##### East Bound.

No. 4, St. Louis and East... 3:22 a. m.  
No. 14 St. Louis and East... 4:28 a. m.  
No. 50 St. Louis Accom... 6:16 a. m.  
No. 20 St. Louis St. Paul  
Limited... 12:23 p. m.  
No. 2 Colorado-St. Louis Limited... 3:10 p. m.  
No. 12 St. Louis Express... 8:42 p. m.  
No. 72 Local Freight except Sunday... 12:09 p. m.  
West Bound.  
No. 11 for Omaha and Des Moines... 11:55 p. m.  
No. 5 for Kansas City west 1:46 a. m.  
No. 13 Moberly Accom... 11:15 a. m.  
No. 3 St. Louis-Colorado Limited... 12:09 p. m.  
No. 9 for St. Paul, Kansas City west... 8:08 p. m.  
No. 51 Moberly Accom... 8:49 p. m.  
No. 73 Local Freight except Sunday... 12:23 p. m.

L. M. RICHARDS,  
Agent, Mexico, Mo.  
J. D. McNAMARA,  
Passenger Traffic Manager,  
St. Louis, Mo.

#### ENDEAVORERS MEET.

Mexico People are Recognized in the Choice of Officers—Next Meeting Comes Here.

Fulton, Mo., June 25.—Miss Dora Clemens of St. Louis, State Superintendent of Junior Work, took a prominent part in today's session of the Christian Endeavorers of North Central Missouri. Mexico was selected as the place for next year's convention.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Morris Dry, Mexico; first vice-president, Henry Guleman, Jefferson City; second vice-president, Mattie Ward, Mexico; secretary, Ione Self, Columbia; treasurer, F. F. Whealen, Jefferson City.

The superintendents of the various departments went to the following: Maybell Threlkeld and Katherine Haskell, of Mexico, Charlotte Langerhans and Bertha Nieman, of Jefferson City; Ernest Backer and Grant Simpson, of Fulton. Herbert Watson, of Auxvasse; H. L. Granger, of Laddonia. The Pastors' Advisory Board will be made up of Rev. Paul Stoerker, of Jefferson City, Rev. A. A. Wallace, of Mexico and Rev. Madison A. Hart, of Columbia.

#### HAIL STORM DAMAGE.

A hail cloud passed over the locality northeast of Mexico last Thursday evening. Conrad Schutte had 40 acres of oats almost entirely ruined. His 60 acre corn field was also greatly damaged. Fred Cook's crops suffered likewise. Jake Newberry and Marshall Powell had beaten down gardens and damage to field crops. Some of the hail stones were three inches across—shaped like saucers.

Only a little rain fell with the cloud.

G. H. Iseminger, editor of the Santa Fe Progress, called at the Message office Saturday. He invited us over to go fishing with him and we hope we may be able to do so some glad day. Mr. Iseminger is making a good paper out of the Progress.

"Skippy" Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garrett of this city, went to Moberly last week and volunteered for the war in Mexico.

Emmett Moore, the all-round man on the Bowling Green Times, was in Mexico last week and paid the Message a friendly call.

Wheat fell below one dollar on the Chicago market last week, the lowest price since the beginning of the war in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cantrell, of Bloomington, Ill., are visiting their parents in this city, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cantrell.

Miss Barbara Johnson is home from Boston, Mass., where she was a student in Smith College thru the past year.

Have you seen Collins & Ecton's big frogs?

#### SPEAKING DATES FOR THE COUNTY CANDIDATES

Speaking dates for the County Candidates for the year 1916 are:

Molino, Monday, June 26.  
Rowena, Tuesday, June 27.  
Friendship, Wednesday, June 28.  
Macedonia, Thursday, June 29.  
Canada, Friday, June 30.  
Naylor, Monday, July 3.  
Burnham, Monday, July 5.  
Thompson, Thursday, July 6.  
Gantt, Friday, July 7th.  
Burk, Monday, July 10.  
Union, Tuesday, July 11.  
Benton City, Wednesday, July 12.  
Edwards, Thursday, July 13.  
Martinsburg, Friday, July 14.  
Black, Monday, July 17.  
Crow, Tuesday, July 18.  
Vandalla, Wednesday, July 19.  
Farber, Thursday, July 20.  
Laddonia, Friday, July 21.  
Beagles, Monday, July 24.  
Rush Hill, Tuesday, July 25.  
Mexico, Wednesday, July 26.

Dr. M. Mary JoDon  
OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN.  
315 E. Monroe. Jly1

## ROBBING THE SOIL

The Tomorrow of Vandalla and Audrain County—H. J. Waters Gives Some Most Interesting Views.

The following is from Store News, one of the most interesting little publications in all the country: Mr. Waters referred to is a former Audrain county boy. He was at one time connected with Missouri University and is now at the head of the Agricultural department in Kansas University.

The thing of greater value than all else to Vandalla is the fertile farming land which surrounds the city. It is an old and true saying that we can't eat our cake and keep it too. It is equally true that we can't waste our land and keep it fertile. Indeed, it is very difficult to use land profitably and still keep it fertile. It is vastly more difficult to repair worn-out land and make a living from it at the same time. If we do not keep the soil fertile enough to produce a living for the farm family, and a reasonable profit to the farmer, agriculture will decline and it will drag down with it all other industries.

So far we have not handled our soil in a way to keep it as fertile as it was when we broke it out of the prairie less than a generation ago. It is safe to estimate that at least a third of the plant food in the original plow soil is gone. It took nature millions of years to put this food into the soil. The modern farmer with his horse machinery and his robber crops like corn, has taken a third of this food out of the soil within the span of half a generation. It is the first third of the plant food in the soil that made the soil profitable to farm.

In taking the second third out, the land owner will be forced to accept smaller yields and steadily lowering rates. The farmer and his family would starve while trying to use the last third. We need to consider therefore how our systems of farming are affecting the fertility of our soil. In estimating the cost of a plow or a suit of clothes the first item the manufacturer sets down is the cost of the raw material used. We know that it takes twenty-four cents' worth of raw material from the soil to make a bushel of corn, but we never think of including this item when estimating the cost of producing corn. We forget to add \$5.20 a ton to the cost of producing timothy hay for the fertility it has taken out of the soil.

We feel that somehow the fertility in our soil will last always even with our present wasteful ways of farming. It makes a great deal of difference in soil fertility account whether we sell our crops in the raw state as corn, oats, and timothy, or in a finished state as butter, hogs, horses, cattle and poultry.

In an earlier number of the Advertiser was a news item about the shipment of a train load of Missouri butter to Europe. A part of this butter was produced in Audrain, Ralls, and Pike counties. Missouri received let us assume, \$300,000 for this shipment of butter. The raw material or soil fertility this butter carried out of the State was worth only \$250. If, instead of selling butter, the Missouri farmers had sold the feed required to make this butter such as corn, bran, silage and timothy, the State would be \$137,820 poorer, because this is the value of the plant food these feeds would have carried of the State, as the land and the manure containing most of this plant food was returned to the soil. Selling butter, therefore, does not wear the land out if the manure is saved properly. Selling fat hogs, fat cattle, or sheep, also saves the land.

Selling grain and hay wastes the land, and it finally brings ruin to all who live in a land which follows that kind of farming.

"Human life cannot flower into good physique, strong mind and sound morals in the agricultural slums which poor soils produce."

Miss Miriam Glandon left last week to attend summer school in Madison, Wis.

#### SHORTHORNS KILLED.

Fine Stock of Douglass Burns, a Pike County Man, Was Afflicted With Tuberculosis.

The prize winning herd of Shorthorn cattle owned by Douglass Burns of Pike county was condemned by the State veterinarian recently. The animals were afflicted with tuberculosis. Mr. Burns, who went to St. Louis to see his cattle slaughtered, was much surprised to find that the best looking cow of the herd, which showed no outward signs of being affected, was in the worst condition of the entire lot. An internal examination, however, proved beyond a doubt her unfitness. A few of the animals passed inspection after slaughtering and were sold as beef.

Mr. Burns was awarded the limit of damages provided by the State, which is \$200 per head, in addition to the amount he received from the packing houses and soap factories where he sold the carcasses.

Among the animals infected was one cow that had cost \$800. Others of the herd were high-priced.

#### MR. ROBERTS' TOP LAMBS.

Repeated from last week's Live Stock Reporter:

Fred Roberts, the hustling young Audrain county shipper, paid the market one of his very frequent visits yesterday. His consignment consisted of two cars of lambs, 276 head that sold straight at \$11.40. They weighed 66 pounds and were bought by Armour & Co. Fred is one of the "live wires" of Central Missouri and many of the sales on the market that have made Audrain county famous as a producer of fat cattle, hogs and sheep have been found to his credit.

The Paris Appeal says that Will Henderson of Santa Fe last week purchased four Jersey cows to add to his herd of five. The dairy business is paying him well as from his original five cows he gets five gallons of cream every four days which sells at \$5.50 per five-gallon can. This is in addition to what cream and butter he uses in his own family. Mr. Henderson's cream tests from 42 to 45 per cent butter fat and he uses a separator. Roy Peak, of the same neighborhood, is milking three Jersey cows and ships five gallons of cream a week to Illinois. His cream averages 46 per cent butter fat.

John Creigh of near Santa Fe is reported over the State as making an automobile perform the duty of three teams in his corn field. A pair of mowing machine wheels were put on the front axles and a pair of tractor engine wheels were placed on the rear axle. The machine runs on coal oil, pulls three plows and plows an acre and a half an hour at a very small cost.

R. H. Nichols sold an 8-year old horse to Carter & Mason for \$150. He also sold to same parties 8 calves at 8 cents to be delivered Oct. 1st.

#### ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Celebrated at Wellsville, Mexico Masons and Other Lodges Joining in the Ceremonies.

St. John's Day was celebrated by the Wellsville Masons last Friday. Mexico Masons joined.

Members of the Knights Templar of Mexico who attended were: H. D. Llewellyn, Oscar Martin, D. S. Burroughs, J. B. Owen, Pearl Van Horn, T. W. Paullen, George Kabrich, Frank Parker, J. A. Glandon, Sam Sharp, J. J. Wood, T. J. Kelso, J. D. McKee, H. E. C. Tucker, W. C. Williams, and Arthur Holmes. Members of the Blue Lodge who attended were: A. N. Day, George Rodhouse, Albert Sims, H. R. Southwick, H. Hassen, D. L. Martin. Dr. J. F. Flynt from Santa Fe also attended.

Mrs. Emma Byrns of Frederick, Okla., returned home last week after a three weeks' visit with her mother of this city, Mrs. Margaret Spotswood. The latter has been very sick but is now much better and is on the way to recovery.

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#### VIEWS & INTERVIEWS

A. W. Powell: Mrs. Powell and I returned recently from a visit to our son, Elmer Powell, at Hardin, Mont. We also visited J. F. Winn and family near that place. Our son has been located at Hardin two years. He and Mr. Winn are delighted with that country. Mr. Winn and son have in 340 acres of oats and wheat. Ethan Howell, son of J. W. Howell of Mexico, is also located in Hardin. He is doing well—making money.

Will Miller: Rising Sun church stands on land that formerly belonged to the farm I am interested in. I have some corn to plant yet, but everything looks pretty good in all the fields, wherever you look, just now.

Sam Morris and daughter, Miss Pearl Morris, are home from a trip into Canada. They also looked around some over the possessions of our Uncle Sam. Mr. Morris says he visited thru seven States in 30 hours. He whipped up some to get back into dear old Mexico and Audrain county.

J. Hord Davis: I have the care of a little 26 acre farm in Northwest Mexico. Am milking five cows and sell the cream on the market. Have a colony of 50 bees. They are doing fine. A big swarm came off some time ago and in three weeks it had swarmed also. Did you ever hear of such a case? I have six acres of corn and have it as free from weeds as a floor. Have cultivated it three times and have hoed it over once. I'm trying "intensive farming."

Mrs. Emma Byrns: My home is at Frederick, Oklahoma, in the southwest corner county of that State. I belong to the Spotswood family in Audrain county. We left here 16 years ago. We like Oklahoma. Our section is a good corn producing section. The State is a good place in which to live.

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#### GETS \$2,000.

Widow Makes Saloon Keeper Come Across for Causing the Death of Her Husband.

Centralia, Mo., June 25.—Mrs. Geo. W. Bryson, of Centralia, just obtained a \$2,000 judgment against a Kansas City saloon keeper and his bondsmen for selling liquor to her husband after notice from Mrs. Bryson not to sell him liquor, which caused her husband's death.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION.

Emma F. DeMuth and Lula McToalson, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
Sarah E. Wheeler, Defendant.

In the Circuit Court of Audrain Co., Missouri.  
By virtue and authority of a decree and order of sale made by the said Court, in the above entitled cause, and of a certified copy thereof, dated June 9th, 1916, I will on Friday, July 7th, 1916, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the Court House, in the City of Mexico, in Audrain County, Missouri, sell, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, viz: Lot three (3) and twelve feet off of the east side of lot four (4) in block two (2) in Hisey and Cassidy's Addition to Mexico, Mo., and also lots four, five and six (4, 5 and 6) in Barnes' Block in Mexico, Missouri, all in Audrain County, Missouri.

Terms of sale as follows: Cash.  
J. W. BARNETT, Sheriff of Audrain County.

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